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Sir:

In response to the Examiner Answer mailed January 7, 2009 responding to Applicant's Appeal Brief and including new grounds of rejection under 37 CFR Section 41.39(a)(2), Applicant hereby elects to reopen prosecution under 37 CFR Sections 41.39(b) and 1.111 and amends the above-referenced patent application as shown below.